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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4978

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AMGT  
SUBJ: PIURA CONSULAR AGENCY

REF: STATE 107134

1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN CLOSING PIURA CONSULAR AGENCY AT END OF MARCH, 1978 BY WHICH TIME FISHERIES DISPUTES SHOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY NEW LAW OF THE SEA OR SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. OTHER CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES DO NOT NOW REQUIRE CONTINUANCE OF THIS OFFICE. PROPOSED TIMING WILL PROVIDE PRUDENT COVERAGE OF 1977-78 FISHING SEASON WHILE ALSO PERMITTING US TO GIVE AMPLE NOTICE TO INCUMBENT CONSULAR AGENT WHO HAS PROVIDED LOYAL AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ALERT THE DEPARTMENT TO THE INCREASING PROBABILITY THAT WE WILL NEED TO OPEN A CONSULAR AGENCY IN AREQUIPA IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE A FULL U.S. CONSULATE OPERATED IN AREQUIPA INTERMITTENTLY FROM 1940 TO JUNE 30, 1968. WE NOW RELY UPON THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BRANCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. BUT HER CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY BURDENSOME. MOREOVER, USIA IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PHASING OUT THE BPAO POSITION AT THE END OF THE INCUMBENT'S TOUR. AREQUIPA, THE SECOND CITY OF PERU, IS OF IMPORTANCE TO US FROM CONSULAR AND OTHER STANDPOINTS DUE TO: (A) INCREASING AMERICAN PRESENCE AND INVESTMENT IN THE AREA (NOTABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GIGANTIC SOUTHERN PERU COPPER COMPANY INSTALLATIONS AT CUAJONE, TOQUEPALA AND ILO), AND (B) THE GROWTH OF AREQUIPA AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION. FOR ABOVE REASONS EMBASSY ANTICIPATES MAKING A FUTURE REQUEST TO OPEN CONSULAR AGENCY IN AREQUIPA, PROBABLY IN NEXT YEAR'S PARM AND POSSIBLY SOONER.  
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